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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE
MANAGEMENT & BIOLOGY OF DOGFISH SHARKS**

SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS

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SESSION TOPICS

Reproduction of dogfish
Growth and environment
Dogfish ecology
Stock identification
Management and utilization
Recovery programs
Assessment and modeling
Review of tropical species

EVENING WORKSHOPS

Review and comparison of age
determination methods for
spiny dogfish

Review of statistical methods
for comparison of age-length
keys based on spine readings.

FIELD TRIPS

Seattle Aquarium
Sixgill Shark Research Program

RATIONALE

The spiny dogfish (*Squalus
acanthias*) is one of the most
abundant of shark species in
the world. It has supported
commercial fisheries in both the
Pacific and Atlantic Oceans but
signs of overexploitation have
now appeared in some locations.
This has generated interest in
the ecology, conservation, and
recovery of dogfish species.
Thus, it is timely that the latest
information and expertise be
collected and examined.

This symposium will seek
recommendations for
management actions to foster
the recovery of depleted
populations, as well as measures
to conserve the species and
to sustain fisheries in the
future. Since semi-tropical
fisheries on dogfish frequently
capture *Mustellus* species, the
symposium will feature a special
section to examine similarities
and fishery potential for these
species in developing countries.

VENUE

The symposium will be held
at the *University of Washington
School of Fisheries and Aquatic
Sciences*. The UW is located near
downtown Seattle and is near
many hotels, restaurants and
cultural features.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is
US\$200 for the three-day
symposium on dogfish if
paid before 15 April 2005
and \$250 after that date.

FINANCIAL HELP

Student registration is
US\$125. Partial financial
support is available for
persons from developing
countries. Additional funds
are available to Canadian
participants to help defray
travel costs.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

A symposium volume of
refereed papers is planned.
The volume will fill an
important gap in the
zoology and fisheries
literature. Participants are
encouraged to submit a
manuscript.

POSTERS

A poster session is planned
for Day 2. Please indicate an
interest in contributing

*Abstracts of papers submitted
for oral presentation or poster
session are due before
15 April, 2005.*

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Questions? Send an email to:
dogfish@dfw.wa.gov

For registration and related
information, go to the web at:
wdfw.wa.gov/fish/dogfish_conference/

A registration form can be found
online and is also included with this
brochure.

Please send your payment to :
Wash. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N.
Olympia, WA 98501-1091
Attn: Dogfish 2005

After receipt of your registration
form and payment, we will send
you either electronically or by post:
1) confirmation, 2) local hotel and
travel information, and 3) updates
on progress, invited speakers, etc.

PARTNERS TO DATE

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